

I'm deeply concerned by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry propaganda piece days before the election. Such action smacks of state-sponsored media and is certainly NOT representative of a free and objective press. This is a clear and dangerous example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.